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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIA TO REVIEW CITES COP15 POSITIONS IN DVC
WITH US

REF: A. SECSTATE 6668

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¶1. (U) Australian officials will discuss U.S. proposals and views on CoP15 decisions with appropriate U.S. counterparts in a preparatory digital video conference on February 24. Post passed information in ref A to Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA) and the Foreign Affairs and Trade on January 28. On February 17, DFAT confirmed that the GOA will conduct the DVC as planned and provided copies of an agenda and letter to the CITES chair on Australia's position on Decision 14.81 on whales (ref B). Post will follow up with any updates to Australia's positions following the DVC.

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